

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING

January 21, 2014 – 7:00pm

Ray Kloeckner, Chairman

Robert Fix, Vice Chairman

1. OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CALL TO ORDER

County Clerk, Mary Rakers, called the meeting of the Clinton County District Board to order at 7:00pm on January 21, 2014.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Albers, Cain, Fix, Heiligenstein, Holtgrave, Kloeckner, Michael, Nordike, Rakers C, Rakers J, Richter, Simpson, Sullivan, Taylor and Wessel.

4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jim Rakers made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 16, 2013 meeting. Nordike seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

No Report.

7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

No Report.

8. REPORTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

No Report.

9. STANDING COMMITTEES

a. Zoning/Subdivision Committee – Keith Richter

1. Zoning Report – Joyce Lucas

i. Motion – Text Amendment – Matt Detmer

The Zoning Board denied the request for a text amendment. Jim Rakers made a motion to deny the text amendment per the Zoning Boards decision. Nordike seconded the motion. Motion Denied.

ii. Motion – Text Amendment – Steven Markus

The Zoning Board denied the request for a text amendment. Richter made a motion to deny the text amendment per the Zoning Boards decision. Nordike seconded the motion. Motion Denied.

iii. Motion – Peltas 2nd Subdivision

Wessel made a motion to approve Peltas 2nd Subdivision. Nordike seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

iv. Motion – Endangered Species Incidental Take Permit – JSCK Properties

Richter said the Zoning Committee agreed with JSCK request to allow the Incidental Take Permit for the development of the campground. This is due to the endangered rattle snake. If they encounter one of these rattlesnakes incidentally they will take them. IDNR had given county 3 options. The Incidental Take Permit was the most feasible. The Committee agreed to let JSCK go on with original plan. The Committee wants the County Board to approve the take permit. If passed, IDNR would need a letter from Joyce. Richter made a motion to approve the permit. Holtgrave seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

b. Economic Development

They met at Trenton House on January 10th to let the truckers know where we are at on bypass around Lebanon.

c. Tourism Committee

No report.

d. Environmental Concerns/Unincorporated/Solid Waste

No Report.

e. Assessment Committee

The assessment meeting was held on January 7th. There was a tentative abstract sent into the Department of Revenue for and we are waiting on the multiplier for 2013. The transfer declarations sold in 2012 were 717 compared to 2013 which were 780. There were 104 complaints received this year. The Board of Review has all complaints scheduled for hearing. Hopefully closing out of books will be the end of January. The 2014 assessors meeting was held on January 8th. Tax bills should be sent out in May and are looking at being due in July and September. The next meeting will be February 5th. Jim Rakers asked if Linda Mensing had anything she would like to add. Mensing said her office received the state multiplier today and it is 1.0.

f. Insurance/ICIT

Janice from the Health Department presented the We Chose Health Grant. Clinton County is part of a 13 county coalition that received the grant that totaled \$300,000 and it is divided by each county's population. It is a federal grant funneled through the Illinois Department of Public Health We Choose Health Initiative. There are four health initiatives within the Health Grant one being Worksite Wellness. Clinton County shares a Health Educator with Marion County, Lindy Payne. Lindy has been working with the Clinton County Wellness Committee. The health educator is free consulting services for any employer of the county to help implement customized well ness programs and policies such as a walking program, healthy eating, and etc. This is the 2nd year of a 3 year grant. In order to continue to receive support and services of the health educator, we need to have a signed statement that indicates the commitment. Jim Rakers asked if this would eventually become a paid position that would be exercised through the county. Janice said the Health Educator funding is through grants, not through the Health Department. The health insurance monthly status report for December showed that December was best month of the current contract year with claims and fees just over \$68,000. The previous low month was in September with a total of \$76,000. The first 8

months of the contract year is lower than the past 2 years. The employee benefits line item report was \$13,000, or 1.3%, over budget without reimbursements. With reimbursements, the line item was \$16,000, or 7%, under budget. The ICIT and CCSMI meetings were attended by Dean Albers. Bond County is leaving ICIT 09, which would leave 5 counties, Clinton, Christian, Edwards, Jersey and Randolph.

1. Motion – We Chose Health Grant

Richter made a motion to approve the county's commitment. Albers seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

g. Facilities Committee
No Report.

h. County Farm Committee

1. Motion – Contract for Sale of Real Estate to Korte-Bretz LLC for 1.04 acres in amount of \$3750. This tract is currently part of the County Farm property. This will be sold to them to add to the Bretz wildlife facility. This ground is not farmable ground. Kloeckner said the piece of ground Wessel is talking was unable to be farmed and would be of good use to the winery. Heiligenstein asked if this contract was drafted by the States Attorney's office. Wessel said the contract was from the State's Attorney's office. Wessel made a motion for a roll call vote. Sullivan seconded the motion. Albers (Yes); Cain (Yes); Fix (Yes); Heiligenstein (Yes); Holtgrave (Yes); Michael (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rakers, C (Yes); Rakers, J (Yes); Richter (Yes); Simpson (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes). Motion Carried.

Motion – Lease Agreement with Korte-Bretz LLC for 1.71 acres for a 7 year lease for the amount of \$259 a year to add additional parking. This tract is currently part of the County Farm property. This lease can be terminated at any time per county board. Heiligenstein asked if contract was run through State's Attorney's office. Hudspeth said it was run through his office. Albers (Yes); Cain (Yes); Fix (Yes); Heiligenstein (Yes); Holtgrave (Yes); Michael (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rakers, C (Yes); Rakers, J (Yes); Richter (Yes); Simpson (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes). Motion Carried.

i. Education Committee
No Report.

j. Veterans Committee
No Report.

k. Finance/Health/Revolving Loan Committee

Fix reported the Finance meeting was held on January 8th. The Kaskaskia College Campaign fund for the Trenton site was tabled at the committee meeting. The next meeting is on February 12th.

1. Treasurer, Denise Trame, gave her monthly report. She had no financials due to problems with new payroll system.

2. Motion - Trame requested a motion be made to approve list of parcels that need to be voided as well as a motion to approve doing business with all the same banks as last year in addition to Peoples Bank and Midland in Centralia. Fix made a motion to approve both requests. Holtgrave seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
- i. Motion - Monthly Budget and Financial Report
No Report.
- l. General Services/Judiciary Committee
No Report.
- m. Law Enforcement/EMA/Welfare/Safety/Liquor
Director of the Clinton County Emergency Management Agency, Tony Falconio, presented a Proclamation of a Disaster in the County of Clinton from January 5th to January 10th. The near record amount of snowfall and period of below zero degrees temperature forced closures of government offices and many businesses throughout the county. The cost to the county, including 23 different entities, from municipalities to townships was \$176,000.
 1. Motion – Proclamation of a Disaster in the County of Clinton
Sullivan made a motion to approve the Proclamation. Holtgrave seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
Falconio has been working on grants. His position is totally funded by grants. To date he has achieved over \$12,000 to go towards his salary.
- n. Road and Bridge Committee
 1. Dan Behrens gave his monthly County Engineer report. He said this was the biggest snow storm since he has worked for the county. The county alone pulled out 26 cars. Behrens wanted to thank all the businesses that ordered everyone to stay home. He said it really helped them get their job done. He thinks we should have enough salt to get us through this weather. There were no construction projects to report.
- v. Motion - Resolution 2014-01-02 To Award Low Bids For Materials To Be Purchased With Motor Fuel Tax Funds For Various Road Districts
Albers (Yes); Cain (Yes); Fix (Yes); Heiligenstein (Yes); Holtgrave (Yes); Michael (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rakers, C (Yes); Rakers, J (Yes); Richter (Yes); Simpson (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes). Motion Carried.
- vi. Motion – Resolution 2014-01-03 To Award Low Bids For Material To Be Purchased With Motor Fuel Tax Funds For Clinton County
Albers (Yes); Cain (Yes); Fix (Yes); Heiligenstein (Yes); Holtgrave (Yes); Michael (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rakers, C (Yes); Rakers, J (Yes); Richter (Yes); Simpson (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes). Motion Carried.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- a. 708 Mental Health Board/Area Agency on Aging
Nordike reported on January 23rd the new mental health board members will be seated. They will review old meetings and set new meetings. Nordike said this will be a whole new board.
- b. County Health
 1. Motion - Health Department Monthly Report

Cain made a motion to approve the Health Department's monthly report.

Wessel seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

c. GIS Committee

The committee met on January 13th. The next meeting is February 3rd. After a year of development, the GIS committee is rolling out the online GIS system. The website can be accessed by anyone for ownership info, tax info, plat id info, and link to assessor information. Sidwell Corporation built the system. Albers thought everyone in the county will be able to utilize it. The address is clintonil.mygis.com. The first time you log in you will have to download Silverlight. Jay has come up with a press release giving more info about the site. The website cost under \$10,000 to produce and maintain. There will be a link on the Assessment website as well as GIS Mapping website.

d. 911 Committee

The committee met on January 8th. The new equipment is in for 911. March 1st is the date set for installation.

Motorola Corporate has been contacting 911 centers about upgrading the software and replacement of hardware to new standard. Two new switch out modules will need to be replaced in the 911 center at a cost of \$23,000. We have an existing contract for \$12,000 per year. We can upgrade our system with an SUA2 contract, which will save the county \$5000 per year. We are mandated to do the upgrade or can't operate. The next meeting is February 12th.

e. UCCI

The next meeting is on Monday January 27th.

f. Personnel/Labor Committee – Steve Heiligenstein

1. Motion – Resolution 2014-01-04 to Amend the Clinton County Highway Department Compensation and Benefits for “A” and “E” Employees

Heiligenstein said about six months ago the States Attorney's office prepared and approved a set of working documents for the non-union employees that work at the Highway Department, namely the engineers and administrative staff. However, we failed to do was include language on how it would affect new employees. This resolution would account for the new hire employees. There is an employee retiring and the Highway Department is in the process of hiring. We have to have a set wage and working conditions. Heiligenstein made a motion for a roll call. Holtgrave seconded the motion. Albers (Yes); Cain (Yes); Fix (Yes); Heiligenstein (Yes); Holtgrave (Yes); Michael (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rakers, C (Yes); Rakers, J (Yes); Richter (Yes); Simpson (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes). Motion Carried.

11. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Simpson made a motion to approve the accounts payable. Wessel seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

12. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

No Report.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No Report.

14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Hudspeth reported that in July meeting we passed a resolution for Woodlawn Trailer Park property and at that time it was our hope that we could obtain immediate assistance from the IEPA to clean that area up before the winter weather hit. However, he said we finally in late December received an agreement between the EPA and Clinton County. First, we have to accept the deed that the property owner signed last summer and has not yet been recorded because we were not going to record until the agreement was in hand. Second, we need to authorize the agreement. Third, authorize cleanup and litigation as necessary. The EPA has a contractor ready, weather permitting and that the paperwork is done. We need to make sure the property is cleared of any occupants and they are ready to go. If the county later decides to sell the property we would be responsible under the agreement for reimbursing the EPA . After it's cleaned up and it is sold, if we do not get enough to cover those costs there is no obligation to make up the difference to EPA so it is no cost to the county. Once thing we have committed to do is secure the property to keep people from going in or out.

- a. Motion – Approving And Authorizing County's Acceptance Of Conveyance Of Property And Recording Of Quit Claim Deed From Mildred Meskil Of Former Woodlawn Mobile Home Park Property In Centralia, Illinois.
Albers (Yes); Cain (Yes); Fix (Yes); Heiligenstein (Yes); Holtgrave (Yes); Michael (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rakers, C (Yes); Rakers, J (Yes); Richter (Yes); Simpson (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes). Motion Carried.
- b. Motion – Approving And Authorizing County's Execution Of Intergovernmental Agreement Between Illinois EPA And Clinton County For Undertaking Preventive And Corrective Action At An Open Dump Site And The Former Woodlawn Mobile Home Park.
Albers (Yes); Cain (Yes); Fix (Yes); Heiligenstein (Yes); Holtgrave (Yes); Michael (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rakers, C (Yes); Rakers, J (Yes); Richter (Yes); Simpson (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes). Motion Carried.
- c. Motion – Approving And Authorizing Litigation As Necessary By Clinton County, Through The Clinton County States Attorney's Office, To Remove Any And All Persons And Property From Former Woodlawn Mobile Home Park Property In Centralia, Illinois.
Albers (Yes); Cain (Yes); Fix (Yes); Heiligenstein (Yes); Holtgrave (Yes); Michael (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rakers, C (Yes); Rakers, J (Yes); Richter (Yes); Simpson (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes). Motion Carried.
- d. Motion – As Authorized By 55 ILCS 5/5-1121, Approving And Authorizing Demolition Of Dangerous And Abandoned Building(S) And Structure(S) And Other Premises, At 1204 Mary Irene Street, New Baden, Illinois, And Authorizing The Commencement Of Such Other Actions And Legal Proceeding By The County As May Be Recommended By The Clinton County State's Attorney's Office To Remediate The Premises, Place A Lien Against The Premises, Bring An Action For Money Judgment Against The Owner Or Owners Of Said Property, And Commence Such Other Litigation With Regards Thereto As May Be Advised By The Clinton County State's Attorney As Being In The Best Interests Of Clinton County.

Complaints have been made to the Health Department about the condition of a property at 1204 Mary Irene Street in rural Clinton County in New Baden area. The house has been reported with the roof caved in, windows and doors broken. Coyotes and wild animals are attracted to the house and it is in a subdivision. The property has been mowed to some extent to help with the problem. Pursuant to the County Code, the county board does have authority to authorize demolition. A couple months ago, we posted a laminated sign on the building at statutory size. We sent notice to all interested parties, including owners, Daniel and Norma Rutledge. We published also in the newspaper. The property was also sold at tax sale and we have sent notices to that party as well. Our intent is that assuming the county board authorizes this action, Hudspeth said he will make arrangements with Sheriff Kreke's department and the Highway department to enter the building and make sure there is nothing that anyone can claim there was of value in the building. I will then be determined as to the most effective way to demolish the building. Once the work is done, the county will record a lien in the amount of the cost incurred including everything we have done; from demolition, publication, postings, and certified mailings. We will then seek a court judgement against the owners. Otherwise, eventually the property will be sold at Sheriff's sale where the costs to the county can be recovered. Everybody in this neighborhood will be much more secure in their homes. Albers (Yes); Cain (Yes); Fix (Yes); Heiligenstein (Yes); Holtgrave (Yes); Michael (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rakers, C (Yes); Rakers, J (Yes); Richter (Yes); Simpson (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes). Motion Carried.

15. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Motion – Change February Meeting From 3rd Monday Of Month To Tuesday February 18th due to Presidents Day.
Sullivan made a motion to change the meeting. Fix seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

16. ADJOURNMENT TILL TUESDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2014

Taylor made a motion to adjourn until Tuesday February 18, 2014. Charlie Rakers seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

ATTEST:



Mary Rakers
County Clerk & Recorder